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1. Met with Messrs. [REDACTED] and General [REDACTED] to discuss a proposed Regulation concerning the write-off of shortages. Agreed that as for now the Regulation should (1) set up criteria under which a write-off might be approved but not delegate authority below the Deputy Director (Administration), and (2) establish a board composed of representatives of the Comptroller (Chairman), the Auditor-in-Chief, the General Counsel, the Director of Security, and the Deputy Director (Plans) to make recommendations to the Deputy Director (Administration) with regard to these matters.

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2. Dr. Tietjen was over to discuss Dr. [REDACTED] case again. Dr. [REDACTED] says that if he has to do active duty he would like to do it now. He requests that the Agency make some arrangement whereby he can be available to accept a residency in New York on 1 July; failing in this, he would like to be available to enter school in late September. I have discussed the case with Larry Houston who thinks that the risk is not great in arranging for Dr. [REDACTED] detail to CIA and then allowing him to proceed to his residency on 1 July or to school in late September. Will pursue this with the Military Personnel Division tomorrow.

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3. Telephoned Dr. [REDACTED], Technical Services Staff, and told him that the \$600,000 for research projects had been transferred to the Office of the Deputy Director (Plans).

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4. Met with Messrs. [REDACTED] to talk about an Administrative Officer for [REDACTED]. Although we have a number of people with a CD/A designation qualified for this job, so far we have been unable to get any volunteers except Mr. [REDACTED] grade GS-11, who, perhaps, is not the best man for this assignment. Asked Mr. [REDACTED] to give me a list of qualified people today and also to investigate whether or not there is a military man who wants to volunteer for this position. Unless we get a military "volunteer" I take an extremely dim view to "detailing" a military man to accept an assignment for which a civilian will not volunteer.

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5. Shef Edwards, [REDACTED] and I discussed the physical protection of the Director. We know that the Director has all sorts of people out at his house and that they discuss all kinds of classified information. The house does not lend itself to easy protection. One night last week the Director arrived home to find a young man waiting for him at 11:00 p.m. The man had been talking to the housekeeper for an hour and a half. Mr. Dulles dismissed the visitor without learning his name, business, etc., and did not report the incident to the Security Office for about twenty-four hours. I approved of Shef recruiting two guards who could be planted on the premises as servants or something. After they have been obtained we will have to force Mr. Dulles to accept this arrangement.

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